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President's Message

Here we are into a new year, and my colleagues and I on the Alumni Association Board of Directors wish our fellow alums a happy and healthy 2003. We hope that you are enjoying these *Newsletters*. Feedback has been positive, and we are striving to keep classmates and friends informed about your personal and professional accomplishments. So please keep sending in your comments and interesting information about yourself when you submit your information sheet with your annual dues.

We are planning more events similar to the *Fall Fling* fundraiser held last September. It was a wonderful success, with over 125 alumni and friends enjoying an evening of fine food, dancing and renewing friendships. Through the sale of raffles and a silent auction, we realized a sum of money that has been earmarked for books for the Media Center in Walpole High School.

Principal Frank Sambucetti met with the WHSAA, recently, and indicated that the high school's library collection is approximately 6,000 volumes below the minimum accreditation standard, and the deadline to meet this standard is June 2003. The Alumni Association has decided to make the Book Fund a priority for our fundraising efforts in the coming months. With this in mind, we are encouraging you, our fellow alumni, to support our alma mater with your donations to the library book acquisitions fund. Checks are tax deductible and should be sent and made out to Walpole High School Alumni Association, Inc., Library Book Fund, P O Box 634, Walpole, MA 02081.

The WHSAA is planning a Career Day at the High School with business, industrial, and professional representatives offering career advice and information to the students. We are asking for assistance from our alumni ranks to help us plan and participate in this undertaking. If you can offer your assistance in helping us to make Career Day at the high school a success, please contact John Simeone, telephone (508) 668-7828.

We wish to express our thanks to Elaine (Ventham) Dornig, '57, who again has given a generous donation of money in memory of her late husband, Joe Dornig, '57. We also wish to sincerely thank the class of 1942 for their generous gift to the Alumni Association.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, September 19, 2003, 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. for our second annual Alumni-sponsored *Fall Fling* evening of dinner, music and raffle prizes at Raffael's, Walpole. Tickets are \$35. each and may be purchased by contacting Fran Foley, telephone (508) 668-6558. We hope to hear from you with your comments and suggestions regarding our proposed endeavors, and we look forward to seeing you at the *Fall Fling*.

Jim Brady

Alumni Highlights

The following are some comments passed on to us from alumni who have sent in their membership applications.

Eunice (Whittier) Hildebrandt, '55, (Norwood, MA) . . . "we spend our winters in Beaufort, SC."

Jessica Cataldo '02 (Walpole, MA) . . . is attending Fairfield University in Connecticut.

Kerrie Mandeville, '02 (Walpole, MA) . . . attending the College of Visual and Performing Arts at UMass Dartmouth . . .

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Marta E. Mazzawi, '02 (Walpole, MA) . . . attending Case Western Reserve University.

Anne T. (Fitzgibbons) Lydon, '44 (Norwood, MA) . . . “retired R.N. – married to Dr. Roy Lydon, parents of 11 children, 18 grandchildren. Director of the “AARP Irregulars” entertainment group, booked by civic groups and clubs, etc.”

Albert W. Moore '52 (Vienna, VA): . . . “came to the Washington, D.C. area in '89 to take a position as president of a major trade association. Now retired, and wife Pat and I are traveling for “fun” and not “business.”

Donald C. Rockwood, '54 (Cummaquid, MA) . . . “enjoying life and good health on Cape Cod. I continue as director of Wrentham Co-operative Bank, from which I retired in 1999. Also serve as organist at two Wrentham churches”.

Katherine S. O' Connor, '02 (Walpole, MA) . . . is attending college in Syracuse.

Jean (Roundy) McDonald, '57 (Whitney Point, NY). . . “IBM decided to let Larry retire 6 months early. Now we can travel which has been our retirement plan for the entire 31 years of our marriage. Our daughter, Lisa, is living and working in the theater in Miami, FL. . . . She can have the heat and humidity. Like Satch Conroy, you can take me out of Walpole, but you can't put me in the heat.”

Gary W. Whittemore, '76 (E. Walpole, MA) . . . “Living in East Walpole. Have two sons, Ryan (12) and Connor (10). I am coaching Pop Warner football and lacrosse in Walpole. Brothers **Glenn ('70)** living on Cape Cod, **Scott ('79)** in Atlanta, GA and **Donny ('79)** in Norton, MA. Married into the Farinacci family (Lisa) 20 years ago.”

Linda (Nannicelli) Reynolds, '71 (Northridge, CA) . . . Nurse Educator at UCLA, “married to a pharmacist; have five children.”

Jean (Cobb) Hutchinson, '45 (Foxboro., MA) . . . “Retired from teaching 3rd and 4th grades for 30 years. Am enjoying many group activities in retirement. Do volunteer work at Boyden Library in Foxboro.”

Paul Baldassari, '52 (Lincoln, CA) . . . “After 28 years in USAF, 11 years in private industry, and three children, retired in Del Web Lincoln Hills, CA with wife Yukie. Would welcome visit from anyone in Class of '52.”

Harold T. Coffin, '41 (N. Falmouth, MA) . . . “I am a retired engineer after working for Raytheon for 40 years. . . . hold retirement group parties annually with approximately 60 persons attending.”

John M. Hall III, '78 (Matthews, NC) . . . “I am living in North Carolina with my wife Alice and two children, Jake (10) and Jillian (3).”

Peter F. Brady, '59 (Montgomery, MA) . . . “have practiced law in Holyoke, MA for 33 years – five children, 8 grandchildren – enjoy the Newsletter . . .”

Gertrude (White) Leahy, '44 (Oceanside, LA) . . . “My husband and I celebrated 50 years of marriage in September 2002.”

Anne (Carpentiero) Lehman, '54 (Kihei, HI) . . . “Give me a call if you come to Maui- always nice to see old friends.”

Alumni Happenings

At our First Annual Fall Fling, many prizes were raffled and auctioned including a weekend in Chatham, MA, a week in a condo in Naples, FL, sports memorabilia given by Gene Lavanchy, and a round of golf with our own celebrity, Joe Morgan. Pictured above are some of those in attendance. Top row l-r: Bob Flynn, '55, Joe Betro, '55 and "Jake" Murphy, '47. Dottie (Glebus) Morgan, '55 and Frieda (Balduff) Giandomenico, '39. Middle row l-r: Ed Paquette, '53 and Gerry (Slattery) Murphy, '47. Clem Boragine, '46 and Maura (Turco) Dwyer, '61. Peter Paglari, '52, Gertie (Rozuck) Presentado, '47 and Mario Presentado, '46. Bottom Row, l-r: Ethel Simeone and John Simeone, '56. Shirley (Carlson) Crown, '53 and Bill Crown, '51. Jim Brady, '72 and Judge John Connor.

Deceased Alumni

The following lists recently deceased graduates of WHS, of whom we are aware. The list is not complete. To include names in the next Alumni Newsletter, please notify WHS Alumni Assoc., Inc., Box 634, Walpole, MA 02081.

Dorothy (Cisternelli) Cashen, '52; Dominic Baldassari, '45; Fred P. Turco, '32; Irene (Delaney) Shaughnessy, '65; Mary (Hannaford) Russell, '25; Mary "Shirley" (Walker) Carroll, '45; Lawrence Hewins, '47; Michael Buttimer, '77; Pearl (Center) Blanchard, '42; Joyce (Ogren) Irving, '59; Marilyn (Wojdag) Caputo, '63; Hazel (Gould) Cherry, '38; Thomas E. Burke, '72; Sarah (Kane) Andrews, '30; Patricia (Cosgrove) Brooks, '46; Robert K. McMullen, '55; William Powers, '31; Patricia Henderson, '45; Florence (Fitzgerald) Sabonis, '48; Louise M. Florest, '39; Anne R. Walukevich, '36; Dorothy (McKee) Fitzgibbons, '44; Charles Morris, Jr., '67; Nathaniel Caplis, '94; Michael Burke, '37.

WHS Class of '52 Has Gala Reunion

Classmates gathered from Virginia, Florida, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Illinois and New Hampshire for their 50th year reunion. Earlier in the day, the class toured the new high school and in the afternoon had reserved seats at the football game. The evening was highlighted with an excellent dinner at the Lafayette House, and was filled with lively chatter and warm reminiscences. Each grad was gifted with a CD of 50s favorite songs. Most of the classmates gathered in the morning for a farewell breakfast, promising to get together annually. Indeed, a good time was had by all!

Calendar of Events

A reminder that the following classes will be celebrating class reunions this year. If you have information that would help your fellow classmates, please forward it to: WHS Alumni Association, Inc., P O Box 634, Walpole, MA 02081. The Alumni Association would be happy to be a clearing house for such events.

Class of 1943 – 60th
Class of 1948 – 55th
Class of 1953 – 50th
Class of 1958 – 45th

Class of 1963 – 40th
Class of 1968 – 35th
Class of 1973 – 30th
Class of 1978 – 25th

Class of 1983 – 20th
Class of 1988 – 15th
Class of 1993 – 10th
Class of 1998 – 5th

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We Need Your Support

Once again we ask you to pay your annual dues, if you haven't already done so. We are an independent, tax-exempt corporation of volunteers, not financially supported by either school or town. We depend on your generous support to keep us afloat. We hope to increase our role in the lives of Walpole High School graduates and current students. We will be offering mentoring programs, speaker programs, help in coordinating reunions, and service projects that will enhance the learning environment at Walpole High School.

Dues are just \$15 a year, are tax deductible, due by June 30, 2003, and will be good until June 30, 2004. Please be sure to complete the enclosed form. If you have already paid your annual dues, we say a hearty THANK YOU! Please pass this *Newsletter* on to a friend or relative if they haven't paid THEIR dues.

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